

# What YOU Can Do— Educators

## GET INVOLVED IN GRADUATION MATTERS MONTANA

### 1 START OR JOIN LOCAL GRADUATION MATTERS MONTANA EFFORTS

- Create or join a task force of local businesses, parents, caregivers, students and community leaders to focus on graduation.

### 2 IDENTIFY AND ENGAGE STUDENTS AT-RISK OF DROPPING OUT

- Institute an early warning system using indicators such as attendance, behavior and credit deficiency to identify students at-risk of dropping out and create a strategy for re-engaging them.
- Help kids understand the financial impact of dropping out.
- Make sure every student has one caring adult in their life.

### 3 CREATE A CULTURE OF HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- Set the goal of a 100% graduation rate.
- Launch an I PLEDGE TO GRADUATE campaign in your school.
- Incorporate college and career planning into classroom curriculum, provide scholarship and loan information and organize college tours and career fairs.

### 4 KNOW WHERE TO PUT EXTRA EFFORT

- Examine your school and district-specific data related to dropout rates, risky behaviors and school climate.
- Identify and change policies that may prevent students from staying in school.
- Invite in student voices – engage diverse perspectives on school climate and barriers to reaching graduation.

### 5 OPEN YOUR DOORS TO THE COMMUNITY

- Promote volunteer opportunities that engage families and community partners at your school.
- Be an advisor to a student group and incorporate service-learning activities into your curriculum.
- Connect with youth-based community organizations.

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